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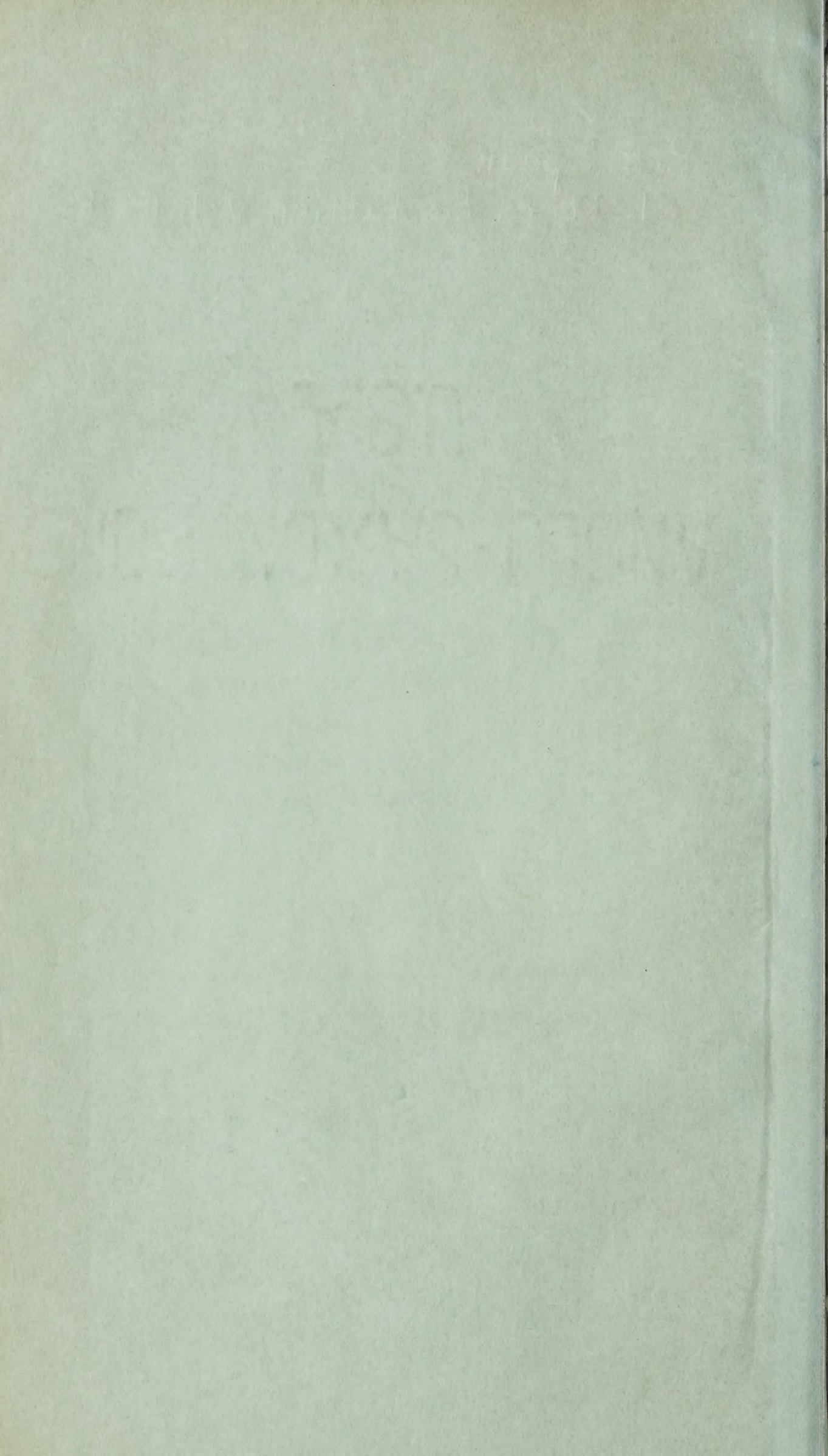
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Letters to father, v. 4 1883-89



Princeton, N. J.
Sept. 13, '88.

Dear Papa,

I arrived here in
the rain at quarters
of six, Tuesday evening.
Harry Freeman and
Frank Adams left Phil-
adelphia on a train
an hour later. Harry
stayed with me that
night and the next day
secured a room in
Edward's Hall. I do not
know what class he
intends to enter, but
I suppose it will be
the Freshman.

Dr. Patton's opening ad.

dress was good, although
he paid too little attention
to the sciences. He said
that over 150 had passed
the entrance examinations.
To some extent he outlined
his policy - mainly one
of enlargement for the
present. There are 600 men
there now. He said his
aim was to have 1000
and meet etc also he
said in the same line.
He is a very shrewd
man and, I think, will
prove a success, although
he is not so great a
man as Dr. McCosh, who
inspires one with the
feeling that he is great.
I got off the train
a moment at Mt. Union
and had a word

went Coates and Mrs. Adams
and Mammie who had come
to be Frank off.

The box I sent on
Friday has not yet
arrived and I am
not, therefore, altogether set-
tled.

The course for this term
will be Astronomy, Chemistry,
Ethics, Essays, Oratory; and
I have chosen as elective
studies, - Metaphysics with
Dr. McCosh, Comparative
Politics and Physiological
Psychology. The courses in
these last three last only
one term and next term
I shall have to take up
other subjects.

The college dormitories
have never been so
full and the town can

Not accomodate very many
more. It is an urgent need
therefore that we should have
a new dormitory. A new
Art building is almost com-
pleted now. Every thing here
is beautiful at this time
of year.

With much love,

Your son,

Rob.

Princeton, N. J.
Sept. 28, '88.

Dear Papa,

The hazing disturbances
which we appeared to have
died out, broke out again
this fall and the Faculty
has sent away eight men
from the Sophomore class.
The Students' Conference Committee
of which I am president
has been investigating the
matter and I think the Fac-
ulty feels now that its action
was ill considered and
hasty and will probably ask
the Trustees to reinstate the
offenders. I met the father
of one of the suspended boys

lose meaning and his heart was
very heavy. Suspension and ex-
pulsion are too severe pen-
ishments to be visited upon
boys without mature and
careful deliberation. This is
the first time that the Faculty
has acted unwisely.

Albert Min writes that
Arch Stewart is in Phila-
delphia. If I knew what
hotel he is stopping at I
should write to him to
come to Princeton and
be the college. The ride
from the city here is not
more than an hour and
a half or two hours.

The political parties among
the students have organized
clubs. I was offered the
Presidency of the Democratic
club but declined. I did

paid over the meeting. I paid
you of Judge Geo Black, a
son of Chauncey Black is
I understand he is, and one of the
minor officers of the club. He
does not look to me to be
of the stuff of which Judge
Black was made. He is a
poor man who stands only
on the platform of an an-
cient

Two of my class mates
at Philad Academy have left
since we left Andover and
one of my class mates has
died last summer
with much love
Yours son
Robt

Princeton, N. J.,
Oct 10, '88.

Dear Papa,

We are having beautiful weather here but I know to keep a fire burning to maintain a proper temperature in my room. I can imagine what the bees must appear at home when the trees on the low lands here are loaded with color.

The prohibitionists had a mass meeting Tuesday evening at Col. Chiles of Kentucky and Brooks the candidate for the vice presidency spoke there and the

Much fulsome flattery of
and parties or else too
much abuse, and the speaker
did not discuss very thor-
oughly the real questions
involved. It was in general
an appeal to create the
saloon. Every one sympa-
thized with that; but there
were few arguments ad-
duced to justify a vote
in leading the aid to
the prohibition party on its
present platform in the
present campaign. The orator
wholly ignored the woman's
suffrage plank.
There was a Republican
meeting last evening. I had
not time to go.
I have been told that the
question of the first honor
man of our class last

has been decided. A young
man named Mudge and
I are in charge, but as we
are first group. A sub
committee of the faculty took
the matter in hand and
by calculating the percentages
in each study found that
for the whole year the
average the student takes the
year's work was ten
percentages of one percent higher
than his. I think I had
98 and a fraction, out of
a possible hundred.

There was great dis-
satisfaction among the
students this fall regarding
the hard interpretation the
Faculty seemed to put
on some of the college
rules. I went to the
Faculty and they were

must go to the Master and
have the law changed. The
Committee of the Master
met here last Wednesday
in behalf of the College I
went before them and
argued for a modification
of the law. Prof. Pactor
said in last week that
it would be done.
With much love

Your son
Ran

Princeton, N. J.,
Oct. 19, '58.

Dear Papa,

I wrote in my last
letter of my standing in
the class for Junior year.
On Friday of last week
I received official notice
that the prize had been
awarded to me.

The seniors are required
to deliver orations in pub-
lic this fall and winter
and prizes amounting to
three hundred dollars are
given for the best composi-
tion, delivery and also
for the best two disputa-
tion orations. I have not

to my speech but not so
thoroughly as I could have
wished on the subject - "The
National Antiquary to the Negro"
I had to compress it very
much to reduce it to the
required limit and then
not succeed. 840 words is
the supposed limit but I
have 1140.

I have had a picnic
since the first of the mo
some days at comfortable
outdoor picnic but the
weather is variable.

Mary sent me a book
for which I had asked
and packed the box in
which she sent it with
chestnuts, - which were very
acceptable. The crop seems
to be abundant.

I had some pictures taken

yesterday. I have had some
since I was at Anderson
I shall get the proofs today.
Prof. Thompson, the protection
ist professor of political
economy at the University
of Pennsylvania, made an
admirable speech here last
Friday evening. I do not
believe he made any con-
vulsions but his address
was excellent in tone and
substance. The Democratic
clubs of the town and col-
lege have challenged the Re-
publican clubs to a series
of joint debates.

With much love

Your son
Robt.

Princeton N. J.
Nov. 5 88.

Dear Papa,

Thank you for your
kind letter. I have deposited
the money in the
Bank here.

I have not heard from
Aunt for a long while. I
shall go to New York
some time this month, prob-
ably, and then shall try
to hear from her. I wrote
to her this morning. She
is doubtless very busy
now and will be for
some time still.

Yesterday I had a
little talk speaking on Sunday

Missions. I met a son of
Mr. Green who lived at
Birmingham. He is Mayor
E. H. Abel. I had met him
several times in the
before. I met also some
friends of Mr. Johnson.
The political relations
are very high here. There
is a heavy load upon
or pretty nearly a
Critic state permanently.
Congressional district is
Republican by about 2500
majority. Mr. Johnson is
representative now. There
in which Princeton is, in
Trenton and Trenton is
Republican. Prohibition will
win a large vote in
Princeton, proportionately to
the vote cast. Most of
them are the best will

voted for Fish, and among
the voters in college many
Democrats are pairing with
Republicans and both will
vote for Fish.

I do not need any money
now, but later I shall
have to get an overcoat
and some winter clothes. I
have no good hat either
I have some strong wool
clothes for ordinary college
wear.

Mary and Maggie and
Anna Fisher are coming
out to Princeton from
the city on Sunday to
spend the day.

With much love,
Yours son,
Robt.

Hamilton N.Y.

Jan 22, 1861

Dear Papa

The excitement of the

quarterly passed away

and succeeded by the

interest aroused by the

trial for the past

championship the first

is played by the

team of

The

enough

How long I should like to stay

James at New-England

moves with his family

to the country

now in which Dr. Parker

has been the business

idea of the college

has to have been the

idea of the student

the the one who was a

connected with you of the

committee to the

of the nomination?

I have been invited to D.

McCook's to take tea at Thurs-

day evening. The last time

he asked me to come

and to him I went and

was asked by him what I

had come for. This time

on a rainy day

to meet matters. The table

was set with

I saw we had well

to see well and to be

being well. He conducted

part of his time

There is a few more things
before the holiday I have
have to buy a heavy over
coat and a good suit.

Underwear and some shirts.

All my needs will be made

the next week or two.

And if you are there

and in the market

be fully able to get

anything I need.

With much love

Your son

John

Princeton, N. J.,
Dec. 8 '88.

Dear Papa,
I received the draft
last Tuesday. Thank you.
Examinations begin
this afternoon and there
is little rest in store
for us till December
14th when I finish my
course. That will be
Monday here I have
some work to do in
a literary line that
will detain me here
several days longer prob-
ably. I shall be home
however, some time next
year.

The Senior elections are
concluded and we are de-
parting. I was elected
class orator. There are
two other orators
and as much as
we can do to show
that this is the
year of great distinction
and honor. Our class is
distinguished for
harmony and peace. The
two parties which
have ruined the peace
of the last weeks of
so many graduating
classes. I have been
able to secure through
the Princeton some
special privileges for
the class from the
city and the feeling
among us is very

pleasant

I have been as far
day and we had a
long talk together I
have no doubt whatever
about his acting ad-
visedly in whatever he
chooses for himself in
the future.

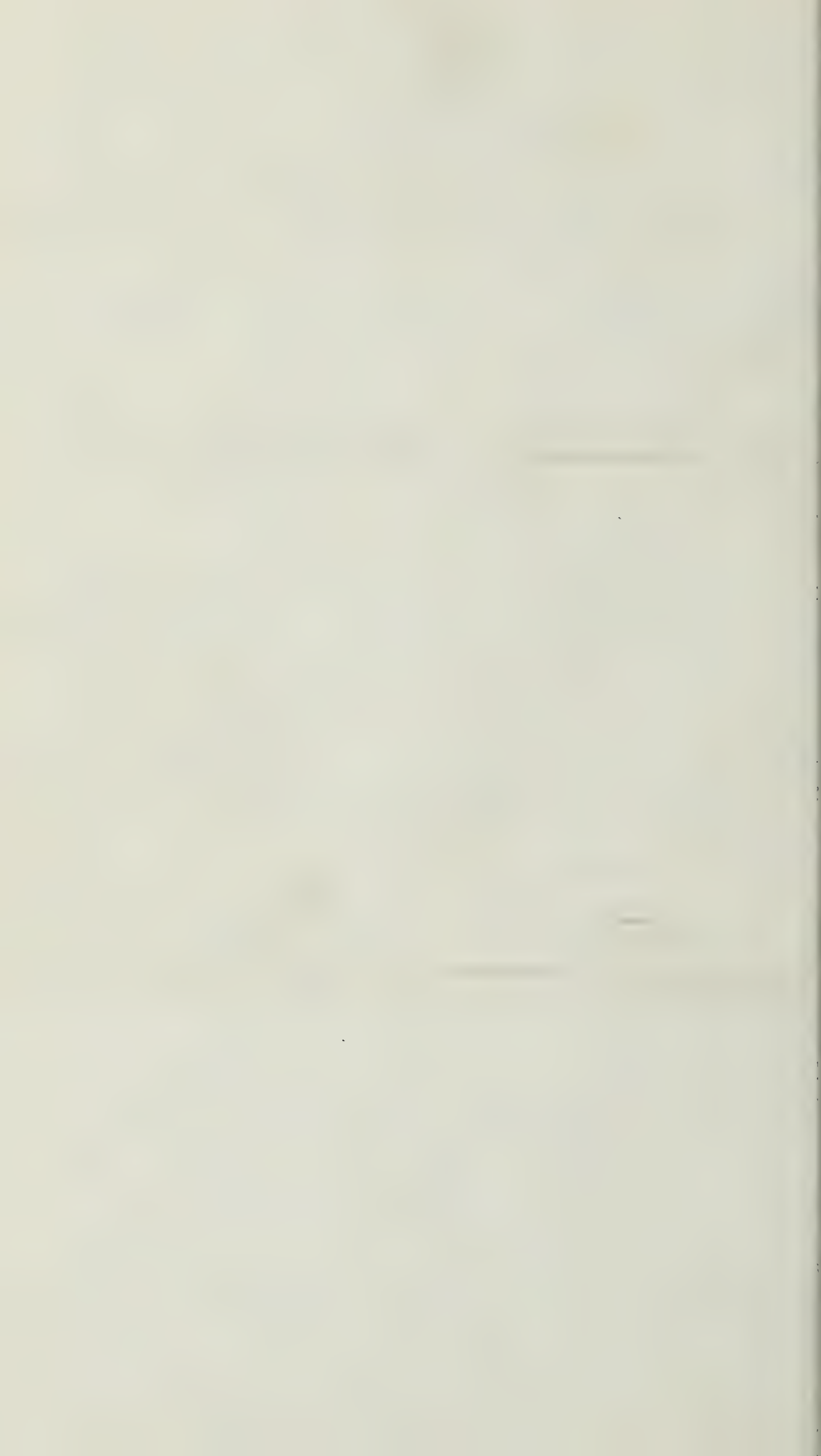
As the days here from
central Prussia seem
to be getting along etc.

We have experienced
very few cold days
so far this winter. The
predictions of the various
prophets seem to be
quite inconsistent.

With much love

Your son

Robt.



Princeton, N. J.

Jan. 2 9.

Dear Papa,

I had a comfortable day

ride yesterday and arrived

here at quarter of six

am quite as home now and

as busy as possible. Her

have been no recitations yet

but I have had much other

work waiting to be done. So

today I made a copy of the

speech with which I won the
Baird prize. Mr. Baird, the
giver of the prize keeps all
the successful candidates as
his personal members of
the "set" we contain this
speech and a story. I was
at home during the vacation
the last number of the Collegian
a magazine published some
place in New England, reports
enter an edition of mine

The Princetonian.

One of the Freshman instructors
told me to day that Harry

... would ...
back to College. Harry had no

strength of character or a

purpose, and failed here.

My reports were the same. Love
sharply I appear love of

propensity were seen in headings

in their reports. All very

Grade, as fresh, I believe.

My ... in ...

The weather is bad for the
day but was not continued
long in the same condition.

I have to go to New York
next Tuesday morning to give
the first lesson to a class
in Latin. Since of which
Professor Bloom has given me
the case. We will not be
the city more probably.

With much love
From your
son

Princeton, N. J.

Jan. 22, '89.

Dear Papa,

I received your letter containing the
check for \$100. last week. I do not need

at one but shall soon be obliged

to draw from it. I deposited it in the

Bank here until I need it.

The character of the weather has changed

from mild to blustering severity. Snow

is on the ground but not enough

to provide whitening or to protect the wheat

I shall go to Asbury Park Friday

evening of this week to address a meet-

ing. Anthony Comstock is to speak at the

Some meeting just before me. I have
an invitation to go to Paul Wayne
and in April to speak. No expense
to be paid and I can get away
without loss of work I think I shall

go.

Senator Calhoun of Georgia, an alumnus
of Princeton will speak here on Saturday
evening in advocacy of prohibition
Spring elections choose a new Council
and the Council act upon the application
for license. There are no licenses now.
Coming contest will be a close one

With much love,

Your son, R. B.

Princeton, N. J.

Feb. 14, '89.

Dear Papa,

The Masters are holding
a regular meeting today to
consider various college
matters. A sub-committee of
the Students Cooperative Committee
of which I am chairman
was given a hearing this
afternoon about some bit
what the students see could
be remedied. I trust they will

Grant our requests.

A friend of mine here
told me he saw Mary
Pineapple yesterday.

She possibly go down
morning. I hope it is not

probable.

Congressman Breckinridge
of Kentucky spoke here last
week on "African Colonization"
I was disappointed in his
speech. I met him and Mrs

Breckinridge also afterwards at

a reception. They have good

memories for Mrs. Breckinridge

and she speaks very freely of

as soon as I was introduced

to her. Her son used to be

in our class and was a

warm friend of mine and

appreciated her and was

the necessity of remembering

names of people of that

one of a book of days

or thinking over cases, some
are the persons and their
which he has been brought
contact with during the day.

I spoke in Long Spring,
Newport last Sabbath as
and on this time. I
then they work on my

Class oration.

As at having call each
has with a tub shows
the ground.

With much love,
Your son,
John

Princeton, N. J.

Feb. 26, '89

Dear Papa,

I received a long letter

Mary on Friday, and

answered it with a longer

one last evening.

George Scott wrote to me

yesterday asking if I could

spend the evenings of this

week in the Monticello Wesleyan

Methodist Church West. This is a deep

holding meetings. He and

Fred and his

brother's family are

the only ones that

could not go as

work here is much

heavy this Saturday and

the I am going to

to

Dr. McLeod goes to

and says the

to deliver a series

The Methodists who, he says

are commonly clannish, but

of good spirit & Detachment.

College is a Methodist

institution

I am writing my

lecture for my class so

as I have the table ref

the documentary structure of

Constitution and the

how developed

the

the

Princeton, N. J.,

March 11, '89

Dear Papa,

I received your letter with

by the way saying that

Mary came at the same

time wrote to me last

about her trouble with

Committee of Investigation. The

and all right. I hope

by a vote of 78 to 64.

I had, anticipated a case
quite to carry on the
investigation I do not know
any fear for Will. I thought
it was one of our men
right, that when we come
a bunch we can take
of ourselves.

Regarding my expenses
the records of the
can not be accurately
they are to near two hundred

I do not need any
money know. Senior year year
many has some extra in
house. I valued by Mason of
the convenience and ease
day. Success but I do
not think they amount to
very much.

I know I had called
about I am attempting to
learn by means of vaccines
I do not
especially care to know a

could now as tomorrow

ing I deliver my second

lecture on "Constitutional

logy" to my political

class in New York, you

had a few engagements for

days and other days to

speak on missions.

I may be able to be in

and the girls hear of an

now see

Good night love

Your

Bob

Princeton, N. J.

April 1889

Dear Papa,

The borough elections are

being held to day. The main

issues are the election

of a town council and an

increase of taxes for the

purpose of erecting a building

for the Hook & Ladder

company. We have no licensed

saloons in the borough.

and cannot or was the
is to have been for the
coming you depends on
the issue of this election
of course. I sincerely hope
we may not be compelled
to render their presence.

Asst. Secy and Mr.

Halmer from Birmingham,

and from Philadelphia

last Thursday as they

invitation to be Princeton

the same a more pleasant
day & hope to see you
Stewart came over when he
visits Philadelphia but I
do not wish any of my
friends to come to care
concernment as I shall be
very busy and prefer to
have those days alone & ap-
plied give up his gradu-
ation and I know I
will be able to see you

March

We have vacation from
 April 10 to April 14 and
 have to have the day
 from work of the
 hand. April 23^d I expect
 to go to Paris to
 to speak on the
 to stop off at
 on my return for a day

April 26

With much love

Your son

Bill

Puncheon, N. J.

Nov 2 1894

Dear Papa,

My last examination of

coverts them come yes

today. I am glad they

as our to work to

would for them is large

and the consequent strain, to

me.

The elections passed off

nicely here. The license men

Carried the borough by 20

majority - due largely to

negro vote. They elected

members of the town council

however, who may vote

to the provisions members

whose terms have not

expired and so the balance

may still remain class

It is a very ~~patent~~

thing the quality may be

less pleasant to us

The last college bill was
due this month I think

two hundred dollars was

due them and so the five

of my expenses while at

college. If it is convenient

will you please send me

that amount.

I have less than three

months yet here my class

has always been named

gives in very friendly

attention and after your

years of continuous residence
is in the hands of the

William Duffrey

Our Spring vacation begins

today and I shall be

in the house I have

great deal of work to do

the rules of the faculty asked

on Monday what position

desires for the summer course at

Latin Salutatary or the

dictary & index towards

latter. Your loving son,

Robt.

Princeton, N. J.

April 20, '89

Dear Papa,

I thank you for the

check which I received, con-

cerning the check for two

hundred and fifty dollars.

It was amply covered

by the balance for the

of the year.

College opened on Monday

The vacation having lasted
one week. I was here
the while and accomplished
not a little work, but
not so much as I
desired.

I am under the im-
pression that our long
vacations are the last
week of May, in which
case the Union vacation
will extend from June

to have to what is "Baccalaureate"
at the day.

her probably as then we

to much to do. I know

not yet written my oration

is class orator, nor have

I finished my speech for

Commencement Day for the

last I have been required

to choose between the Latin

Salutary and the Valedictory

oration. The latter seems to

Mo preferable. Does it ~~not~~
you?

The day is damp and
cloudy and the wind is
from the South East which
is a sign of rain here.

I expect to arrive ~~at~~
Brentford on Friday morning

and shall be very glad
to see every body.

Your loving son,
Robt

Princeton N. J.

May 1 1899

Dear Papa,

My stock of good writing paper

is exhausted I am reduced

to using an inferior quality of

paper for my purposes.

I want to say that

the value of the class and

as regards Debates I finished

the class today

and have

on Monday and Wednesday of
movement week and participate
the debate Monday evening.
on for debate is announced
week ahead the sides are
announced on the topic the
debate. All the time will
be worked by the duties for
the main to an good has
to an is to be here to other
I choose to aligned to debate
myself. I shall be the fully content
to the other side, and to

take pleasure in their enjoyment
the occasion, but I sympathize with
the student who takes care of his
I am in their position

It is not as if it would
be impossible for me to look after
to many friends as many students
have been and I saw them

to justify to the duties which
have to perform.

I spent Sunday a week
at Salem, New Jersey
and at other towns

Staged we a lawyer named M.

July who was familiar with

Name

College class June 19

free to I saw the on

I can pack up my things

am making arrangements to

the next two weeks of July at

Northfield at Mr. Moody's summer

school for College students Bible

study

Yours loving son,

Bob

Princeton N. J.

May 21 '89

Dear Papa

The last examination was
 held yesterday. The paper was
 constitutional law. As usual I
 had written by Miss Lane M.
 Cooley. I was there for two days
 of how long reading. I was not
 taking that on a subject for my
 voluntary paper on Commercial
 Law.

The exercises of Commencement
 were held as follows:

Saturday, June 1st

Reading of Thesis by graduates of

the Princeton School of Theology

Yeo Club Concert

Monday June 16.

Baccalaureate Sermon by President

Patton, 11 A.M.; Annual Meeting

of the Young Men's Christian Association

4 P.M.

Monday, June 17.

Class Session and Class Form
in the morning at eleven; Address

the class may end by 12 o'clock
at 12 M.; Class History, Prophecy,

and Presentation Address in the
afternoon. (The latter address is supposed

to be nice) The main class the
idea comes in the morning.

Tuesday, June 18.

Many more and more important

occur on this day - Gymnastic

... of the ... is the ...

... the other ...

... of ...

... the ...

... the important ...

town is always crowded. It then
has probably about 20,000 and
we know are engaged in
and to make all the
parties to be dressed for

advertisements.

The marriage at Washington
Jan 29 and was July 10. The
consent of both sides was given
suppose anyone being in the
form of signing the contract

in the carriage

of the 24th and I have

by some means

For. P. Adams was his

which was the present necessity

just now

Princeton N. J.
June 14, '89.

Dear Papa

I send an invitation to day
class Day - next Monday. You
probably not be in the city
but if you could take
the Commencement on Wednesday
could reach here in time
Monday morning by leaving
at 8.20 A. M. that
at 9.23. The train
and

Princeton at 9.30 the Commencement
services are just what
because generally as a form
of entertainment classes of the
large course of the class.
will be better for you and
generally more interesting than

Princeton is a pretty place
to see.

We were down and speak

Tuesday
~~Wednesday~~ morning with me.

With much love,
Your son,
Rob

Somerville in the wilderness,
Wisconsin

6.30 A.M. Sept 17.

Dear Papa.

I left St. Paul last night
about two weeks in Minn-
sota. I enjoyed my work there
very much. Saw Mrs. Fisher three
times and met quite a num-
ber of friends. This is Minneapolis
I spent the time with classmates
of mine from Princeton. Last
Monday we formed a Princeton
pool ball team and defeated
the University of Minnesota. The
game was a good advertisement
of the meeting of the 18th day
which I had to
It is my card and name there

I could get to my trunk and
take an overcoat and I had
caught a slight cold now as
I was I took one of the
windows and early this is covered
with frost as we standing
now in the middle of the day
there, that thick and snowing
on every side. We have been
standing here for several hours
and there is determined for some
time yet by a wind on the
track ahead - of course. The road
is in a main - but not only on
track. I should have mentioned
my destination is 4.12 this
morning. It is now nearly dark
and we are not nearly half
way across the state.

The weather has been perfect to
even - clear, with cool invigorating
Minnesota weather is not a little
boasted of out here.

I expect to be in Wisconsin Dec
26th then to go to Kansas
the way I shall probably be
in Chicago. Better in the
an my way up through
Illinois. I expect to stay off at
night for a day.

At the close of a meeting in
Pauca where I spoke an old
underman came up & said to
me from Hartington Iowa,
his name was Stanton. I think

Enclosed are two slips from
the Pauca Pioneer Press which
are fair samples of the other
type used. This is the "reckless"
manuscript of the Northwest.

Yours loving son,

Paul

A PRINCETON STALWART.

Robert E. Speer Rouses Missionary Zeal at Westminster Church.

Last night's missionary meeting at Westminster church had much about it not common to the everyday meetings in the interest of foreign missions. The audience was large, including many of the ministers of the city, and was characterized by an unusual attendance of young people. Mr. Speer is a stalwart young blonde, with a fine, intelligent face, clear, honest eyes and a ringing voice. It is plain to be seen that he is heart and soul in the work. He is a superb speaker, a talent which he came by honestly, for his father, ex-Congressman Speer of Pennsylvania, is accounted one of the best platform speakers in his state. The son has made many a Fourth of July oration and has done some excellent campaign work for the Democracy in the past few years. He took the ground that the cause of missions had been a failure in certain districts for the reason that the American people as a whole made them so by providing insufficient support, and giving only a half-hearted assent to the work. Every young man or woman, he contended, should consider himself divinely called to be a foreign missionary unless he had a higher call to stay at home. And any who couldn't go and were able to do it should see to it that they provided the wherewithal for some one else to go. With one volunteer from each 100 of college graduates each year, he asserted that in twenty-five years the whole world could be evangelized. Mr. Speer will speak before the university students to-day, and at Hamline to-morrow. From here he goes to Madison university. After the close of the services last evening a reception was given Mr. Speer at the residence of Mrs. L. H. Terry 1015 Mary place.

Devoted to Mission Work.

The young men members of the St. Paul Young Men's Christian association have, by private subscription, engaged in a matter of national breadth. Robert E. Speer, twenty-one years old and the son of a noted lawyer of Pennsylvania, graduated at the head of the Princeton college class of 1889. He also took the college first prize as a debater. For some time the young man lectured once a week upon political economy before the brokers of Wall street. He was religiously inclined and some national leader of foreign missionary work induced him to devote a year to working up interest in that cause throughout the United States. By some means the members of the St. Paul Y. M. C. A. learned of the fact and volunteered to pay Mr. Speer's expenses. The offer was accepted, and Mr. Speer agreed to go out for one year with only his expenses paid, and visit every college and theological seminary in the United States, to induce young men to enter the missionary work, and each college and seminary to send out at least one young man to a foreign field at its own expense. Mr. Speer has now reached Minnesota, and will speak at the St. Paul Y. M. C. A. on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, and Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. During the year he will visit only six places outside of colleges and seminaries, two of which are St. Paul and Minneapolis, and the other four are Eastern cities.

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Dear Papa,

The last time I wrote to you
was when I was delayed on a
train in the Wisconsin timber land.
Since then I have been in Illinois,
Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska. I expect
to go over to Iowa tomorrow.

While in Topeka I sought out
Mr. David Whittaker and found him
and his wife very pleasant peo-
ple. I spent an evening there and
found it very much like getting
home again.

Day before yesterday I visited the
Nebraska State Normal School at Peru.
My meeting was a successful one. I
spent the evening and night among
the students as a class and almost

without exception are poor. I took
supper with two brothers and a sister
and another girl who have rented
a small house and are boarding
themselves, working their way through.
This general poverty of the students,
the newness of the country - a land
without a tradition or a history - the
more mercenary view which people
take of things out here under the
spirit of the educational institutions
very different from that of the
Eastern schools. In the case most of
the students come from old, long-respect
families who provide with more or
less liberality for the expense of college
life. Here it is different. Money is
the thing especially lacking apparently and
money is the aim of the students in
life. In the East students in college
look forward rather to name, honorable
position

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The crop of corn here ought to be
great judging from the fields planted
with it. Sometimes as far as you see
green corn covers almost every
field. It has not been threshed yet -
very little of it has been touched at
all. This delay in gathering the corn
account, I suppose, for its bleached
appearance. The corn which has been
gathered and which ~~is~~ can be ready
for shipping at many stations is
whiter than the rich yellow corn at
home.

If any letters are written to me, please
have them sent until Oct. 16 to Topeka,
Kansas; from Oct. 17 to Oct. 23 to Oskaloosa,
Iowa; Oct. 23 to Oct. 30 to Warrensburg, Mo.
November 18 I expect to be in Dwight.

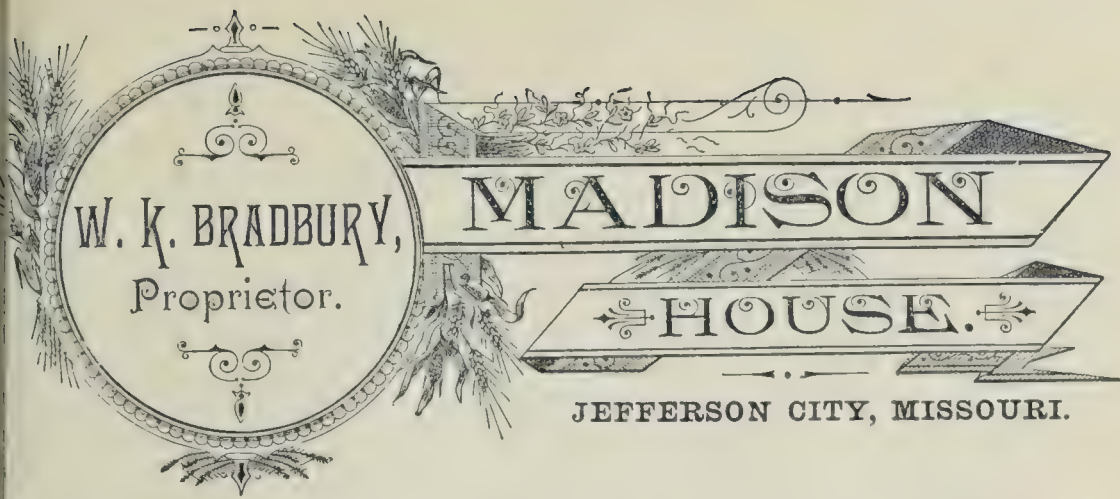
Several weeks ago I was in
South Eastern Kansas at Jarr Scott,
the Kansas coal fields. The land is
generally level but the seams of
coal are about. There in Nebraska
the country is more hilly, which
makes me feel more at home.

The religious spirit of the western
colleges is good except in State Uni-
versities where it is deplorable. It
is strange that a land born of & preserved
by religion should consider it a duty
to make its state educational institutions
practically irreligious.

With much love,

Your son,

Rob.



November 4 1889

Dear Papa,

This is the first Democratic State
I have eaten and slept in since I
have left home, unless South Dakota
becomes one of the Democratic States.
I do not need to say that I feel
like war at home. I have worked
thus far among the colleges of
Minnesota, Wisconsin, Kansas, Nebraska,
Iowa and Missouri - having visited
this State Park College, at Parkville
you have doubtless read of it in
- Presbyterian - Wm Jewell College at
Linn - in Jackson County, the home
of the James and Younger brothers, out-
- and the State Normal School
Warrensburg. I am on my way to

has from Waverley to Fulta and am
delayed here till tomorrow morning
waiting for a train. Fulta is north
of Jefferson City and consequently I
have to cross the Missouri River
which runs along the base of the
bluffs on which this town is built.
There is no bridge here but a ferry
boat transports passengers and baggage.
I have seen the Missouri river in
Dakota between Iowa and Nebraska
in Kansas and in Missouri. The
Mississippi I have seen only in
Minnesota. The Missouri will describe

its name of "the muddy."
I wrote to Mary that her letter
telling me of our relatives at Fairfield
Iowa reached me after I had been
there. I could not return. At Oskoa

Loosa, Iowa, however, I met a Miss
[unclear] and asked her whether her father
was not from Cassville, Pa., and
he said he was. I learned that
he lived a mile or so from
[unclear]. Her father was Solomon
[unclear]. I sent him my best regards
and asked her to remember you to
[unclear].

This is a very interesting town.
The buildings are some of them old
rather homes and some are new,
modern and not handsome. I visited
State House this afternoon. It is
situated on a bluff overlooking the Miss-
ouri and is a very creditable building.
Senate chamber is adorned with
pictures of Washington, Jefferson, to all

and Jackson. I opened several of the
letters in the House of Representatives
to see what they contained. Most of
them I opened and excepted, but I
found the enclosed list of parties - the
system of cabinet - but by no means
the words I can commend to the
Statesmen of Huntington who want to
do some valuable thing for Pennsylvania.
From Hunter I go on to Illi-
nois to work for two weeks. From
Illinois my way lies to Michigan.
Mary and Maggie have kept me in-
formed regarding things at home, but
I shall be very glad indeed to get
home for the week days.

Yours truly,
Wm. Lloyd Garrison

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